

MINUTES GREATER WOODBINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

May 15, 2007 www.wccnj.org

Attendance: Rhonda Keen, Chris Hayes, Carol Saduk, Elizabeth Heaton, David Rodriguez, Larry Holtz, Nancy Hansen, Dianne Walters.

President's Report: See festival Committee report.

Vice President's report: Liz coordinated an exchange of perennial flowers for businesses, at the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve minutes; Nancy/Chris – passed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve; David/Julia – passed. Dianne Walters came to the meeting to thank the Chamber for sponsoring a Woodbine youth to attend the Baseball Clinic held in Dennis Twp.; and to ask for support from the Chamber for next year's clinic so that more Woodbine youth can attend. Due to time constraints the Board voted by phone to make this \$90 donation to send one child to this year's clinic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(only committees with reports will be listed)

Woodbine Festival Committee – June 23rd, 2007 is the date of this year's Woodbine Family Festival.

- Currently there are 30 vendors including 5 non-profits signed up, there are 40 spaces.
- Rhonda will get a price for a full color cover for the Festival ad book.
- Vendors are to receive a bag with promotional items from Chamber members and will be eligible for a raffle of prizes supplied by the Chamber businesses.
- Rhonda has developed a flyer to put in area businesses to advertise the Festival.
- The 3 banners for previous Festivals are updated with the new date and will be ready for use.
- "White Room" band and Liz Heaton will provide live entertainment.
- The Cast Iron sign for the Sam Azeez Museum will be revealed at the Festival, the sign is being provided by the Cultural & Heritage Commission.

Breakfast Meetings – Next breakfast meeting is Tuesday, June 19th at 8:30am at Dionysus Restaurant.

Internet & Membership – 50 members currently belong to the chamber. Volunteers will be calling members to see if they are interested in participating in the "Member to Member" discount program or having an ad on the Chamber web site.

Beautification Committee – The six large flowerpots currently at Lincoln Park are being moved to Washington Avenue. A motion was made to spend up to \$500 for soil and plants for these planters. Motion: David/Carol – passed.

Scholarship Committee – Area High Schools which are attended by Woodbine students have been notified that the GWCC \$500 scholarship is available. The scholarship application will be available on the web site or by contacting the Chamber.

By-Law Committee – Larry informed the Chamber that the law that regulates Fax Transmissions has been amended and Larry has seen to it that the recent change has been made.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the April meeting a motion was passed to donate up to \$3000 to purchase a Basketball Backboard for the new gym. David informed the Chamber that the backboard has already been purchased and therefore the Chamber needs to look at other ways to donate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Senate Bill S2249 to extend the family leave requirements to all small businesses (with as little as 2 employees), is nearing passage and those interested should contact their Senators including Senate President Cody to voice their opinions. Since this may be a burden on small businesses, most local Chambers oppose this bill. For info go to www.njleg.state.nj.us

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cookie Rivera of HDANJ came to WES and made a presentation to the 7th & 8th graders.

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Respectfully submitted, Carol Saduk